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Letters/Editor
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Dear Editor:

In the late spring of the year 1962, while on my way to the capitol of the sunbelt, I met an Ivy-league-looking, middle-aged gentleman, ~~in a crowded room~~, near Fisher-man's wharf, in San Francisco, who claimed to be a songwriter. And I sang to him my lament of having just left the most important person in my life, "that girl I left so many times before..." and the song, "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" ^{my mother}, born. It was released in 1967 and became not only a hit but was ~~recently released~~ recently rated one of the finest songs of the 20th Century.

A young songwriter by the name of Jimmy Webb (eight years my junior, according to Mr. Webb's website), somehow, discovered it, ~~found it~~, capitalized on it, and claimed authorship to it.

I warned Mr. Webb in a letter on July 19th, 2010, that if he didn't come forward, soon, I would expose him for the fraud that he is, by writing to newspapers across the country, and elsewhere.

Theft of intellectual property is a serious business. Its not a case of "Finders ~~to~~ Keepers, ~~losers~~ weepers," which may be true of finding lost treasure in the Atlantic Ocean. Finding lost ~~treasure~~ intellectual property and of claiming authorship to it is quite another matter, indeed. Its both illegal and immoral.



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Unless Webb comes forward, I will track him like an animal to the ends of the Earth; and if and when I find him, I will look him in the eye and exact my "pound of flesh."

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cc. Mr. Carl Watanaby
cc. Mrs. Linda Ronstadt
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